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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

THE GOVERNMENT RESIGNS.

The Murray Government has completed its business and today the resignations of Premier Murray and his ministers will be placed in the hands of the Lieutenant Governor. This announcement will be received with regret by all New Brunswickers who are interested in the future of the province and the cause for that regret is two-fold.

Premier Murray and his associates gave to New Brunswick good, wise administration. Not one charge can be made against the men who today relinquish control of the public affairs of this province. Every dollar due to the province was carefully collected and the expenditures were honestly made. From a legislative standpoint the Government was responsible for the placing of much wise legislation on the provincial statute books. The public services were well cared for and, if the administration had been successful in the recent elections, they would have entered upon the new term of office pledged to an aggressive and up-to-date policy well calculated to care for the problems which must come after the war. The elections, however, resulted in the defeat of the Government, and it may be said in all sincerity that the people are the losers.

Another cause for regret at the resignation of the Government is to be found in the fact that its defeat at the polls was not due to shortcomings in its administrative record or dissatisfaction with its proposed policy, but to unfair canvasses which had absolutely nothing to do with provincial administration or provincial affairs. The canvasses used against the Government candidates, and which proved effective in a sufficient number of counties to give the opposition a majority, were disgraceful in their character and absolutely untrue. It was by such tactics that the opposition secured a majority of six seats in the New Brunswick Legislature.

The Murray Government steps down but Premier Murray, his associates in the cabinet and the men who supported him in the campaign and who will support him in his new capacity as leader of the provincial opposition, stand higher in public esteem today than do the men by whom they will be succeeded. The province loses by the exchange.

CANADA'S HONOR.

A Liberal newspaper suggests that Canada has not lived up to her pledges in the war. This is a base calumny, which could, we think, find expression only in the thought of a confirmed partisan, who is careful for nothing save to condemn all and sundry who are not members of the political school that would have tied Canada hand and foot to economic Washington.

Canada at the first breath of war gave her men. In the first month of the war Canada began the manufacture of munitions. In the whole period of the war Canada has exerted herself in the production of foodstuffs for the sustenance of imperial armies.

The first minister of this country did authorize the raising of 500,000 troops for service overseas. We have already raised more than 400,000 of the authorized number, and for this small thanks to Canada's group of chronic fault-finders.

Today in the City of Montreal Hon. George P. Graham is leading an agitation against conscription. Mr. Graham is the first Lieutenant of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He says through his newspaper, the Montreal Herald, that we cannot and shall not have conscription.

If conscription is necessary anywhere, it is in the Province of Quebec. Yet in the chief city of Quebec English-speaking Liberals join with French-speaking Liberals to denounce the very thought of conscription.

What can be the purpose of this organized hypocrisy within the Liberal party, that in Toronto denounces the Government because it has not as yet secured the 500,000 men, and that in Montreal says in effect that we have sent all the men we can spare?

The division of sentiment among the Liberal party leaders and their press makes it plain that Canada still has reason, as a prominent Liberal member of the House of Commons said at the outset of the war, to "thank God for Borden."

Canada did not pledge a billion dollars for war. Neither did she promise \$200,000,000 to finance munitions orders for Britain. Neither did she contract for \$700,000,000 worth of munitions.

more than two-thirds of which has already been sent overseas. Canada has not attained to the full extent of what she is prepared to do in the war. But for a little nation of less than eight million people, scattered over a country larger than the United States, Canada has done marvelously, beyond all anticipation of her strength and ability.

The Canadian who challenges Canada's honor in this war is not worthy to be known as a Canadian.

WORTHY OF EMULATION.

Three of the largest manufacturers in the Parish of Lancaster have offered to contribute more than their share of the tax for patriotic purposes in order that the assessment on the smaller ratepayers of that parish may be lightened. The firms which have thus shown such a worthy example are the Nashua Pulp and Paper Company, the T. S. Simms Company, Ltd., and Ready's Breweries Ltd. At the meeting of the municipal bills committee yesterday a measure was prepared asking for authority to fix the patriotic assessment on the concerns named at a figure higher than it would be according to their property valuation. This action was taken at the request of the assessed companies.

That a ratepayer, whether a private citizen or an incorporated company, should request an increase of assessment is decidedly a new experience, but the Nashua Pulp and Paper Company, the T. S. Simms Company and the Ready's Breweries have set an example well worthy of commendation and emulation. The gentlemen at the head of these concerns are large taxpayers and generous contributors to every worthy object. Their latest effort to lighten the tax burdens on their fellow ratepayers of Lancaster is simply another evidence of an earnest and conscientious conception of the duties of patriotic citizenship.

IN THE INTERESTS OF "HARMONY."

The Moncton Transcript which has been greatly perturbed over what it contended was an attempt to arouse racial strife in New Brunswick takes the opportunity to "commend" Hon. P. E. Blondin for his patriotic action in resigning his position in the Borden cabinet for the purpose of donning the khaki and proceeding overseas in the cause of Empire. This is how it does it:

"Many a Tory general, since August, 1914, has, with much eclat and enthusiasm volunteered for overseas service, donned the khaki, sought to raise a battalion, sailed with partially filled ranks to the Mother Country, trained there for six months in camp and never saw the battle line, except as a visitor. The method has been too often practised as a means of creating party political capital for individuals supporting the government to attract much attention when it finds some belated imitator, even in Quebec."

At the same time that other sweet apostle of purity and harmony, the St. John Evening Times, discovers that Lieut.-Col. Blondin is being "staged" in Canada purely for political purposes and to detract attention from Borden and Lavigne of the Quebec Nationalist camp. Of course the Times and the Transcript have no political motive dictating their action. Of course they are absolutely sincere in advocating that the people of Canada should work with one accord for the success of the Empire's cause, and of course they are more than willing to give full praise to those who do try to direct effort to that end. Hon. Mr. Blondin has offered his services to the Empire. His "slacker" critics in the press and on the platform might well follow his example or, if they are unwilling to do so, at least they might have the decency to give him the common credit for his action.

Reception To Soldier Clergyman.

A reception was tendered last evening to Sergeant A. P. Hodges, former pastor of Coburg street, Christian church and Mrs. Hodges in the church parlors. A fine musical programme was presented by members of the choir, after which Mrs. Maud Outhouse gave an address of regret at the pastor's leaving. Mr. Flagg, with an appropriate speech, presented Sergeant and Mrs. Hodges with a purse well filled with English coins as a token of the high esteem with which the former pastor and his wife are held by the members of the church. Sergeant Hodges expressed his heartfelt thanks for the kindness of his and his wife's well-wishers. Refreshments were served later by the ladies of the church.

"THE A. R."

We sing about the "soldier brave," And of the "jolly tar," I sing now of the man who wears The button marked "A. R."

He's worthy of our deep respect, I honor him, don't you? For he has proved himself to be To king and country true.

Whatever else this brave man lacks, His heart at least is right, And he has done his very best To get into the fight.

What must he feel when comrades dear Go marching off to war, And he is left behind to view The battle from afar?

And when he reads of victories won In which he fails to share, He thinks of all he would have done If only he'd been there.

Come, now, A. R.'s be not downcast, Tho' you're not in the fray, For here at home we need staunch hearts To keep the foe at bay.

On shirkers we could never depend In danger's hour they'd quit, Your button means "Aye, ready," at All times to do "your bit."

—Isabelle B. Watson in the Toronto Mail and Empire.

BAN ON NEWS IN RELIEF WORK.

The Hague, via London, Mar. 28.—The Associated Press has been informed from an absolutely authentic source that the German government will ask American officials and relief workers of the American commission for relief in Belgium to submit to a period of "news quarantine," the time not to exceed four weeks, in order to prevent military information from leaking out.

The time would count from the day the men lay down their present charges and notify the authorities in Brussels of their readiness to depart. They will be asked to assemble at some center, like Liege, or preferably a German city, such as Cologne, Karlsruhe or Munich, which they would not be allowed to leave for the period mentioned.

The "news quarantine" would apply equally to Brand Whitlock, the American minister to Belgium, and his staff, whom the German government, since the break in diplomatic relations, regards on the same footing as relief workers, although possibly in the case of Mr. Whitlock the period of detention, as a matter of courtesy, might be shortened. After the "quarantine" has ended, it is stated, no obstacles will be placed in the way of the departure of the officials and relief workers by any route they may choose.

CARPENTERS ASK HIGHER WAGES.

The following letter has been sent to all local carpenters and contractors in the city by the local Carpenters' Union in respect to higher wages:

Dear Sirs:—It was decided at a meeting of Local Union No. 915, U. B. of C. and J. of A., held Wednesday, March 21st, that owing to the enormous increase in the cost of the bare necessities of life, that it was absolutely necessary to request that our wages be increased from the present rate to 45 cents per hour, eight hours per day, with time and one-half rates for overtime and public holidays, and double time for Sundays.

We desire to point out that we have had no increase in wages since 1911, while Labor Gazette statistics show an increase in the cost of living of 75 per cent, since the beginning of the present war.

We trust you will concede this increase to the carpenters in your employ, and to those who may employ during the period covering this increase. This increase will take effect on May 1st.

McKenzie-Carleton.

A very pretty wedding took place last evening when Miss Laura Carleton, daughter of George and Sarah Carleton, of West St. John, was married to Albert McKenzie, of Penobscot, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. H. Johnston, pastor of Charlotte street Baptist church. The bride made a pleasing appearance in a white silk gown with lace overdress, and carried a bouquet of carnations. Only the immediate members of the family were present at the ceremony.

Among the out-of-town guests who attended were: Mrs. Sarah Vaughan, and Mr. and Mrs. McElroy, and Mrs. Matthews, of Sussex; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Carleton, Mrs. Freeze, Miss Murray, Mr. Norman McKenzie, of Penobscot.

Miss Carleton received many beautiful and valuable presents, amongst them being a gold piece from her former employers, Baird and Peters, and a quantity of community silver from the staff. Miss Carleton has been with this firm for about five years. Supper was served after the ceremony to about forty of the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie will leave this morning for a trip through Maine, and on their return will reside in Penobscot.

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Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE.

My cousin Artie was around at my house after supper yesterday, and we were playing in the front hall and the bell rang and it was Mr. Parkins to see my sister Gladis, and he hung up his hat and coat and went in the parlor, saying, Good evening, Benny, how would you like to inform your fair sister that she has kumpley.

Which I went upstairs and informed her, and when I came down again I sed Artie, G. Artie, lets go in the parlor and set there, and when Gladis comes down lets us start talking to each other as if we thawt we was in a daisy.

G. all rite, sed Artie. And we went in the parlor and sat on different chairs, Mr. Parkins saying, its very nice of you boys to come in to keep me kumpley till Gladis comes down. Wich me and Artie didnt say anything, and pritty soon Gladis came in and sat down, saying, Well, wats now, Mr. Parkins?

Nothing with me, wats now with you? sed Mr. Parkins. Dont you think its luvly weather, Mr. Artie? I sed.

O, my grayhairs yes, Mr. Benny, it was a nice day yesterday, to, dont you think so sed Artie.

Yes indeed, it was a elegant day yesterday, and I shooudnt be surprised if tomorro wood be all rite, to, I sed.

Benny, is there anything you want in heer? sed Gladis. Did you hear anyone say sumthing, Mr. Artie? I sed.

Not at all, I assure you, my, arent the flowers bewittful at this time of year, sed Artie, and I sed, O, have you noticed it? and Artie sed, Dont you sed love flowers, Mr. Benny and I sed, O yes, Mr. Artie, I love flowers to beet the band, I love every kind exsept unyins.

Very well, we shall see, sed Gladis. And she went to the door and called, Father, father.

I reely think I must be going, the children will be getting hungry, they havent had anything to eat sints Krismasus, I sed, and Artie sed, How sweet, I think I must be going, to, mine have never had anything to eat. And we got up and went out tawking sisslety.

The conservation committee of the Red Cross wish to thank all those who helped them on rubber day. First, Mr. Waring and the Boy Scouts for doing the collecting; the many friends who lent their teams and cars; those who allowed their buildings to be used as depots; the Valcartier Chapter of the I. O. D. E., and last but not least, Mr. John McAvity for the splendid luncheon he provided for the boys.

The committee also wish to thank the drivers of the teams and cars for they and the boys deserve a great deal of credit for doing the work in spite of the very bad weather. Frances H. Stetson, convener of conservation committee.

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